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1. PRESS REPORTS JULY 28 AND 29 NUMEROUS PERSONNEL CHANGES IN SECURITY SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH REORGANIZATION OF AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ANNUAL PROMOTION LIST. MOST NOTABLE APPOINTMENT IS THAT OF MAJ. GEN. SAAD AL-SHARABINI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SECURITY IN ASYUT GOVERNORATE, AS NEW CHIEF OF GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF STATE SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS (GDSSI), WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY. HE REPLACED MAJ. GEN. HASSAN ABU BASHA, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF OF SECURITY FOR EGYPTIAN CENTRAL REGION GOVERNORATE OF CAIRO, GIZA, QALYBIYAH, BAUI, SUWAT AND FAYUM. THIS IS A DEFINITE DEMOTION FOR ABU BASHA.

2. MAJ. GEN. GUAD FARID, HEAD OF GDSSI FOR CAIRO GOVERNORATE AND PRINCIPAL LIAISON WITH EMBASSY ON SECURITY MATTERS, WAS ALSO DEMOTED TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INSPECTOR. FARID WAS APPARENTLY FINGERED BY ABU BASHA AS PRINCIPAL CULPRIT IN HANDLING OF TAKFIR SOCIETY. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT ABU BASHA ALSO MADE HINTS TO HIS SUPERIORS ABOUT FARID'S "AMERICAN CONNECTIONS". ALTHOUGH GOE OFFICIALS DO NOT ACCEPT ABU BASHA'S IMPLICATIONS, ONE
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OFFICIAL PRIVATELY CAUTIONED THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT INQUIRE WHY FARID WAS DEMOTED.

3. COMMENT: NO REASON HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THESE CHANGES. HOWEVER, WE KNOW AT LEAST SOME ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO SECURITY SERVICES' HANDLING OF TAKFIR WA HEGIRA SOCIETY KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF FORMER MINISTER OF WAQF IN EARLY JULY. POLICE WERE AT THAT TIME

STRONGLY CRITICIZED FOR HAVING FAILED TO PENETRATE THE SOCIETY AND FOR NOT RAPIDLY APPREHENDING KIDNAPPERS AND PREVENTING DHAHABI'S MURDER. DIRECTOR GDSSI, ABU BASHA, WAS PARTICULARLY SINGLED OUT FOR THIS CRITICISM (REFTEL).

4. REPORT ON REORGANIZATION OF SECURITY ZONES AND OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.
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